

# NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Under the HAWAII EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LAW  
([Act 249, 2013 Regular Session](#))

## BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE

**effective July 1, 2013**

**You have the right to** reasonable break time to express milk for your nursing child at the workplace in a location, other than the restroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public for one year after your child's birth.

Employers with fewer than twenty employees who can show that providing the time and place to express breast milk as required under [Act 249](#) (SLH, 2013) would impose an undue hardship by causing the employer significant difficulty or expense in relation to the size, financial resources, nature, or structure of the employer's business shall not be subject to the time and place requirements of Act 249.

Employers who fail to comply with the requirements of Act 249 shall be fined \$500 per violation and may be liable for damages suffered by the employee.

**ENFORCEMENT:** If you believe your employer has violated this law you may file a lawsuit in state court for appropriate injunctive relief, actual damages, or both, within two years after the occurrence of the alleged violation. Damages may include reasonable attorneys' fees.

This notice provides general background information on Hawaii Employment Practices Law and is not intended to serve as a substitute for legal counsel. For specific legal advice on individual situations, please consult your attorney.

**The law requires employers to post a notice in a conspicuous place accessible to employees providing information regarding this employment practice.**

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